

From: [Richard Rupert](#)
To: [Gerald Heston](#)
Subject: Re: Fw: Chester Arms Hotel
Date: 06/19/2012 03:58 PM

oh boy..... boy I get to use my roofing skills yet again.

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I will be at COOP tomorrow for program meeting.

(am on plane now inbound to PHL) RR

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"The commander in the field is always right and the rear echelon is wrong, unless proved otherwise."
Colin Powell

▼ [Gerald Heston](#)---06/19/2012 01:12:34 PM---Guess whose name came up in this discussion? Just take a guess come one, you can do it A

From: Gerald Heston/R3/USEPA/US
To: Richard Rupert/R3/USEPA/US
Date: 06/19/2012 01:12 PM
Subject: Fw: Chester Arms Hotel

Guess whose name came up in this discussion? Just take a guess.....come one, you can do it.....

Anyway, touch base with Dave Campbell when you get back.

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From: Dennis Carney/R3/USEPA/US
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Subject: Fw: Chester Arms Hotel

Jerry, [REDACTED]. Dave Campbell reported that the roof is in bad shape per information he received from HUD today (they apparently went up in a cherry picker to view it) and the Google map linked below shows that as well. [REDACTED]. Dave is meeting with City officials tomorrow and is expecting to get me more information including an engineering report on the building prepared by the City. He will also try and get a sense on the immediacy of the problem given concerns by some that the building may be in danger of collapse. Apparently, the City has reached out to not only federal agencies but their state and congressional delegations for support. Thanks, den.

PS - Dave Campbell got involved as he is the EPA rep on a cross-agency White House initiative called "Strong Cities...Strong Communities" and Chester is one of the cities that was selected nationwide for that initiative.

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From: Dave Campbell/R3/USEPA/US
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Date: 06/18/2012 01:32 PM
Subject: Chester Arms Hotel

Dennis-

As we discussed, please advise as to any role the Agency may have in response to latest from the City regarding this building. I will give more information as it comes in. Thank you for your insight and advice.

Here is the google site - its the old Chester Arms Hotel (circa 1923).

<https://maps.google.com/maps?q=edgemont+avenue+and+4th+street,+chester+pa&hl=en&ll=39.847118,-75.360459&spn=0.000832,0.0012&sll=37.0625,-95.677068&sspn=55.543096,78.662109&t=h&hnear=Edgemont+Ave+%26+W+4th+St,+Chester,+Delaware,+Pennsylvania+19013&z=20>

Here is story going back to 2009.

<http://www.delcotimes.com/articles/2009/06/24/news/doc4a419c90649af980540923.txt>

This is the email from the city.

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----- Original Message -----  
> From: Executive Director [REDACTED]  
> Sent: Friday, June 15, 2012 05:06 PM  
> To: Fleming, John F.; David.L.Marable@hud.gov <David.L.Marable@hud.gov>  
> Subject: Building Collapse  
>  
> Hey guys,  
>  
> Part of that big Chester Arms building collapsed today. Need money to get it all down, please send out an all agency Fiscal SOS,  
before what's left falls on someone.  
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> Sent from Whitney R. White
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Thanks.
Dave

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